

Numerical calculations using pySECDEC

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Where does pySECDEC fit in?

Basic steps of calculating scattering matrix elements:

1. Generate Feynman diagrams for the process.

$$* \mathcal{M} = \text{[Bubble diagram]} + \text{[Diamond diagram]} + \text{[Triangle diagram]} + \dots$$

2. Project the diagrams onto scalar integrals.

$$* \mathcal{M} = C_1 \text{[Bubble]} + C_2 \text{[Diamond]} + C_3 \text{[Diamond]} + C_4 \text{[Triangle]} + \dots$$

3. Reduce the number of integrals using IBP relations.

$$* \mathcal{M} = C'_1 \text{[Bubble]} + C'_2 \text{[Diamond]} + C'_3 \text{[Bubble]} + \dots$$

4. *Evaluate the loop integrals.*

- * Analytically: hard to impossible at two loops if masses are present.

- * *Numerically:*

 - * *Sector decomposition:* `pySECDEC`, `FIESTA`, `SECTOR_DECOMPOSITION`.

 - * Mellin-Barnes representation: `MB`, `AMBRE`.

 - * Numerical differential equations: `DIFFEXP`, `AMFLOW`, etc.

5. Integrate over kinematics.

- * A whole field of study by itself.

pySECDEC overview

pySECDEC: library for *numerically evaluating parametric integrals* via sector decomposition and Monte Carlo integration. [Heinrich et al '21, '18, '17]

- * <https://github.com/gudrunhe/secdec>
- * Written in *Python*, C++, FORM.
- * Multiple sector decomposition methods: iterative, geometric.
- * Multiple integration algorithms:
 - * Best: Randomized Quasi Monte Carlo (*QMC*); [Borowka et al '18]
 - * Classic: VEGAS/SUAVE/DIVONNE/CUHRE (*CUBA*), CQUAD (*GSL*).
- * CPU & GPU support.

Recent new features (release v1.5):

- * Quality-of-life improvements:
 - * Installation via the *standard Python package* installer (Linux, Mac):
`pip3 install --user pySecDec`
 - * Adaptive contour deformation (no more “sign check errors”), and FORM configuration (no more “insufficient WorkSpace” errors).
- * Adaptive sampling of whole amplitudes (weighted sums of integrals).
- * Builtin asymptotic expansion of integrals.

The pySECDEC team



Not pictured: Sophia Borowka, Stephan Jahn, Florian Langer, Andres Poldaru, Emilio Villa, Tom Zirke.

Sector decomposition in short

$$I = \int_0^1 dx \int_0^1 dy (x+y)^{-2+\varepsilon} = ?$$

Problem: the integrand diverges at $x, y \rightarrow 0$, can't integrate numerically.

Solution:

[Heinrich '08; Binoth, Heinrich '00]

1. Factorize the divergence in x and y with sector decomposition:

$$* I = \int \dots \times \underbrace{\left(\theta(x > y)\right)}_{\text{Sector 1}} + \underbrace{\left(\theta(y > x)\right)}_{\text{Sector 2}} = \int_0^1 dx \int_0^x dy (x+y)^{-2+\varepsilon} + \left(\begin{array}{c} x \\ \updownarrow \\ y \end{array}\right)$$

2. Rescale the integration region in each sector back to a hypercube:

$$* I \stackrel{y \rightarrow xy}{=} \int_0^1 dx \underbrace{x^{-1+\varepsilon}}_{\text{Factorized pole}} \int_0^1 dy (1+y)^{-2+\varepsilon} + \left(\begin{array}{c} x \\ \updownarrow \\ y \end{array}\right)$$

3. Extract the pole at $x \rightarrow 0$ analytically, expand in ε :

$$* I = -\frac{2}{\varepsilon} \int_0^1 dy (1+y)^{-2+\varepsilon} = -\frac{2}{\varepsilon} \int_0^1 dy \left(\frac{1}{(1+y)^2} - \frac{\ln(1+y)}{(1+y)^2} \varepsilon + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2) \right)$$

4. Integrate each term in ε numerically (they all converge now).

Contour deformation

$$I \equiv \int d^n \vec{x} \frac{U^\alpha(\vec{x})}{F^\beta(\vec{x}, \dots) + i0}$$

What to do if $F(\vec{x}) = 0$ inside the integration region? Deform \vec{x} into the complex plane:

$$\vec{x} \rightarrow \vec{x} + i \vec{\delta}(\vec{x}),$$

$$F \rightarrow F + i \delta \partial F - \delta^2 \partial^2 F - i \delta^3 \partial^3 F + \dots$$

Choose $\vec{\delta}(\vec{x})$ to enforce the $+i0$ prescription:

$$\text{Im } F = \delta \partial F - \delta^3 \partial^3 F + \dots \stackrel{\delta \rightarrow 0}{\approx} \delta \partial F > 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \vec{\delta}(\vec{x}) = \lambda \vec{\partial} F(\vec{x}).$$

- * There is always λ small enough that $\delta \partial F > \delta^3 \partial^3 F$, and $\text{Im } F > 0$.
- * The larger λ is, the further the pole is, the better the convergence is.
- * In practice: choose λ heuristically, but decrease it if $\text{Im } F(\vec{x}_i) < 0$.
 - * Gradient-based λ optimization can be useful.

Monte Carlo Integration

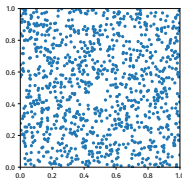
To numerically approximate an n -dimensional integral

$$I \equiv \int_0^1 d^n \vec{x} I(\vec{x}),$$

Monte Carlo integration:

1. Sample $\vec{x}_{1\dots N}$ uniformly from $[0;1]^n$.
2. Estimate I as $\text{mean}(I(\vec{x}_i))$.
3. Estimation error is $\sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \text{stdev}(I(\vec{x}_i))} \sim N^{-\frac{1}{2}}$.

In pySECDEC: VEGAS/SUAVE/DIVONNE integrators via **CUBA**.

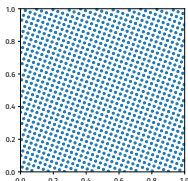


[Hahn '04]

Monte Carlo, Quasi

Quasi Monte-Carlo integration:

1. Let $\vec{x}_{1\dots N}$ be a *low-discrepancy sequence* in $[0;1)^n$.
2. Estimate I as $\text{mean}(I(\vec{x}_i))$.
3. Error is $V(I) D(\vec{x}_i)$, where
 - * V is the *Hardy-Krause variation* of I (impractical to calculate),
 - * and D is the *star discrepancy* of $\{\vec{x}_1, \dots, \vec{x}_N\}$,



$$D(\vec{x}_i) \equiv \max_{Q \subset [0;1)^n} \left| \frac{\text{number of } \vec{x}_i \in Q}{N} - \text{volume of } Q \right|.$$

Low-discrepancy sequences:

[Dick, Kuo, Sloan '13]

- * digital sequences (Sobol', Faure, etc), with error $\sim N^{-1}$;
- * Owen's scrambled nets, with error $\sim N^{-1.5}$ if $\partial_x I$ is square-integrable;
- * lattice rules, with error $\sim N^{-\alpha}$, if $\partial_x^{(\alpha)} I$ is square-integrable and periodic.
 - * To enforce periodicity, use a transformation ($x \rightarrow y$):
 - * baker's, $y(x) = 1 - |2x - 1|$;
 - * Korobov, $dy/dx \sim x^l (1-x)^r$; etc.

Monte Carlo, Randomized Quasi

Randomized Quasi Monte-Carlo integration:

1. Let $\vec{x}_{1\dots N}^{(k)}$ be K random low-discrepancy sequences in $[0;1]^n$.
2. Estimate I as $\text{mean}_k(\text{mean}_i(I(\vec{x}_i^{(k)})))$.
3. Error is $\sqrt{\frac{1}{K} \text{stdev}_k(\text{mean}_i(I(\vec{x}_i^{(k)})))}$.

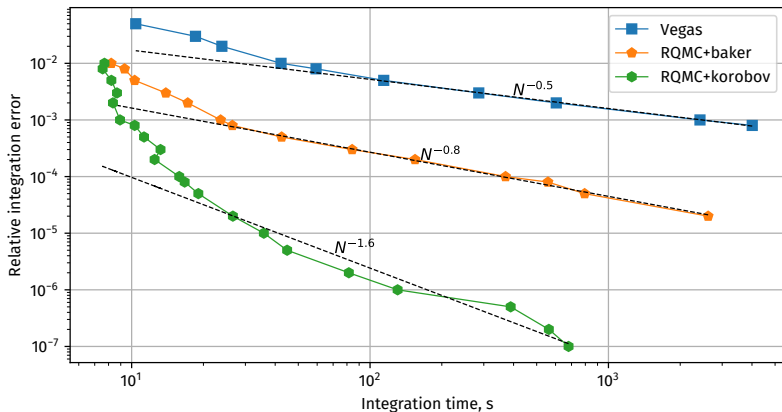
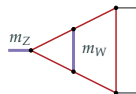
In pySECDEC: the QMC integrator, using rank-1 lattice rules: [Borowka et al '18]

$$\vec{x}_i^{(k)} = (i\vec{g}_N + \vec{\Delta}_k) \bmod 1,$$

with $\vec{\Delta}_k$ being a uniform random in $[0;1]^n$, and the generating vectors \vec{g}_N constructed separately for each N (up to $6 \cdot 10^{10}$) and $\alpha = 2$ (i.e. allowing for N^{-2} error scaling if the integrand is smooth enough). K is by default 32.

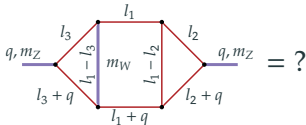
Monte Carlo vs RQMC

Integration time scaling for Monte Carlo (VEGAS)
vs Randomized Quasi Monte Carlo (QMC).¹



¹pySecDEC v1.5.3 on NVidia A100 GPU.

Using pySECDEC for a single Feynman integral



Generate the integration library:

```
import pySecDec as psd
if __name__ == "__main__":
    psd.loop_package(
        name="dial",
        loop_integral=
            psd.LoopIntegralFromPropagators(
                loop_momenta=["11", "12", "13"],
                propagators=[
                    "(11)**2",
                    "(12)**2",
                    "(13)**2",
                    "(11 + q)**2",
                    "(12 + q)**2",
                    "(13 + q)**2",
                    "(11 - 12)**2",
                    "(11 - 13)**2 - mw2"
                ],
                powerlist=[1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1],
                replacement_rules=[
                    ("q*q", "mz2")
                ],
                real_parameters=["mz2", "mw2"],
                requested_orders=[0],
                decomposition_method="geometric")
```

Inspect the generated code:

```
$ ls dial/
dial_data/          dial_integral/    pylink/
src/                Makefile          Makefile.conf
README             dial.hpp          integral_names.txt
integrate_dial.cpp
```

Compile it for the CPU:

```
$ cd dial && make
```

or for both CPU and GPU (with CUDA):

```
$ export SECDEC_WITH_CUDA_FLAGS="-arch=sm_80" CXX=nvcc
$ cd dial && make
```

Run it:

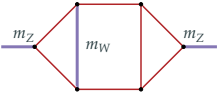
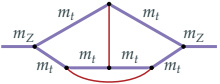
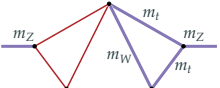
```
from pySecDec.integral_interface import IntegralLibrary
if __name__ == "__main__":
    lib = IntegralLibrary("dial/dial_pylink.so")
    lib.use_Qmc(verbosity=1)
    mz2 = 1.0
    mw2 = 0.78
    _, _, result = lib([mz2, mw2], epsrel=1e-7, verbose=True)
    print(result)
```

The result:

```
+ ((6.82645729748523067e+00,-1.60711801420445148e+01)
+/- (8.07205205949069617e-07,7.55815020343424309e-07))
+ 0(eps)
```

Expected performance for 3-loop EW integrals

pySECDEC² + QMC *integration times* for 3-loop self-energy integrals:³

Diagram \ Relative precision		10^{-3}	10^{-4}	10^{-5}	10^{-6}	10^{-7}	10^{-8}
	GPU	15s	20s	40s	200s	13m	50m
	CPU	10s	50s	400s	4000s	180m	1200m
	GPU	18s	19s	30s	20s	1.2m	2m
	CPU	5s	14s	60s	50s	12m	16m
	GPU	6s	11s	12s	30s	3m	24m
	CPU	5s	10s	50s	800s	60m	800m

[Same diagrams as in [Dubovyk, Usovitsch, Grzanka '21](#)]

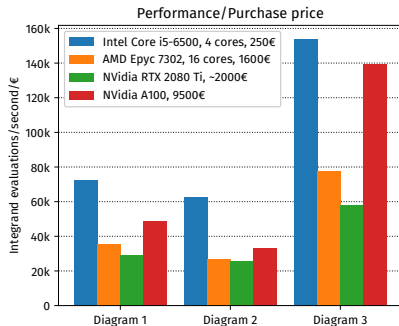
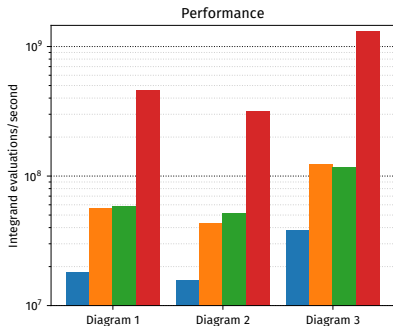
In short: *seconds to minutes per integral* to achieve practical precision.

²Version 1.5 + work-in-progress + AVX2.

³GPU: Nvidia A100 40GB; CPU: AMD EPYC 7302 with 32 threads.

CPU vs GPU with pySECDEC

pySECDEC⁴ integrand sampling speed on different devices:



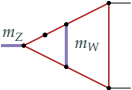
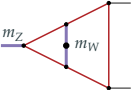
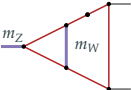
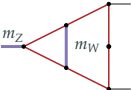
In short:

- * Top consumer-grade GPU (RTX 2080 Ti) \approx server-grade CPU.
- * Top server-grade GPU (A100) $\approx 10 \times$ server-grade CPU.

⁴Version 1.5 + work-in-progress + AVX2.

On the choice of the master integrals




Integration time of similarly looking integrals:⁵

	top pole	t, s		top pole	t, s
	ε^{-3}	27		ε^{-2}	57
	ε^{-2}	1230		ε^{-2}	>9000

Takeaway: for best performance, test the integration speed and adjust the selection of the master integrals.

⁵To 10^{-3} precision, pySecDEC 1.5.3, NVidia A100 GPU.

Adaptive sampling of amplitudes

Amplitude term	Naive sampling	Naive error	Better sampling	Better error
1 	10^6 samples	$1 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot 10^6$ samples	$2 \cdot 10^{-6}$
10 	10^6 samples	$10 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot 10^6$ samples	$20 \cdot 10^{-6}$
50 	10^6 samples	$50 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$2 \cdot 10^6$ samples	$25 \cdot 10^{-6}$
Total:	$3 \cdot 10^6$	$51 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$3 \cdot 10^6$	$32 \cdot 10^{-6}$

[Example assumes integration error = $1/n$]

pySECDEC now automatically optimizes the total integration time based on

- * how fast each integral can be sampled,
- * how well it converges,
- * how large its coefficient is.

⇒ Automatic *speedup for amplitudes* (weighted sums of integrals).

⇒ Automatic speedup for single integrals too (sums of sectors).

⇒ Already used in 2-loop $gg \rightarrow ZH$ (2011.12325), $gg \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (1911.09314), and $H + \text{jet}$ (1802.00349).

Adaptive optimization: the problem formulation

Suppose we need to know A_j , some weighted sums of integrals I_i :

$$A_j \equiv \sum_i W_{ji} I_i.$$

Each I_i is a random variable with:

$$I_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\text{mean}(I_i), \text{var}(I_i)).$$

Assume that $\text{var}(I_i)$ scales with the number of integrand evaluations n_i as

$$\text{var}(I_i) = \frac{w_i}{n_i^\alpha}, \quad \text{for some } \alpha.$$

Problem: choose n_i (as functions of W_{ji} , w_i , α , and τ_i) to minimize the total integration time T while achieving the requested total variance V_j :

$$T \equiv \sum_i \tau_i n_i \rightarrow \text{min}, \quad \text{var}(A_j) = \sum_i |W_{ji}|^2 \frac{w_i}{n_i^\alpha} = V_j \quad (\forall j).$$

Adaptive optimization: the solution

Solution: via the Lagrange multiplier method,

$$L \equiv T + \sum_j \lambda_j (\text{var}(A_j) - V_j), \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial \{n_i, \lambda_j\}} = 0.$$

Solution if only one A_j is needed:

$$\lambda_j = \frac{1}{\alpha} \left(\frac{1}{V_j} \sum_k (|W_{jk}|^2 w_k \tau_k^\alpha)^{\frac{1}{\alpha+1}} \right)^{\frac{\alpha+1}{\alpha}}, \quad n_i = \left(\frac{\alpha w_i}{\tau_i} \lambda_j |W_{ji}|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha+1}}.$$

Solution if there are many A_j : only approximate.

In practice pySECDEC will:

1. Evaluate each I_i on $n_i = 10^4$ points, estimating w_i and τ_i .
2. Get the n_i values as above, but cap them at 20x the previous values.
3. Evaluate I_i using the updated n_i , update w_i and τ_i .
4. Check if $\text{var}(A_j) \leq V_j$, repeat from 2 if needed.

Using pySECDEC for amplitudes

Generate the integration library:

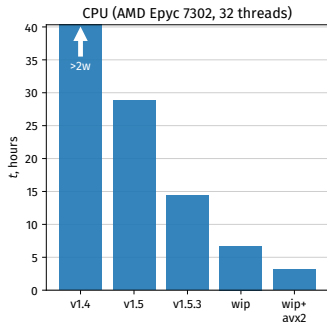
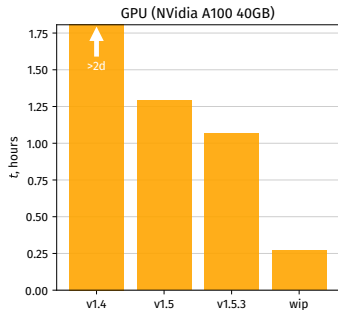
```
import pySecDec as psd
if __name__ == "__main__":
    # First term
    term1 = psd.LoopPackage(
        name="integral1",
        loop_integral=
            psd.LoopIntegralFromPropagators(
                ...
            ),
        real_parameters=[...])
    coeff1 = psd.Coefficient(
        numerators=['1 + 2*eps^3', ...],
        denominators=['-3 + 2*eps', '-1 + 2*eps', ...],
        parameters=[])
    # Second term
    term2 = ...
    coeff2 = ...
    ...
    # The amplitude
    psd.sum_package('amplitude',
        [term1, term2, ...],
        regulators=['eps'],
        requested_orders=[0],
        coefficients=[[coeff1, coeff2, ...]],
        real_parameters=[...])
)
```

Compile an *run*: same as for a single integral.

⇒ Under the hood single integrals are implemented the same as sums.

Performance improvements by pySECDEC version

Time to integrate m_Z to 7 digits of precision with pySECDEC + QMC:



Speedup sources:

- * **v1.5**: adaptive sampling, automatic contour deformation adjustment;
- * **v1.5.3**: separation of real and complex variables in the integrand code;
- * **wip**: simplification of the integrand code, vectorization on CPU (AVX2).

The latest release is fast; *the next release will be faster.*

Generated code: v1.5 vs wip

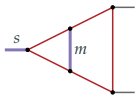
pySECDEC v1.5 & QMC:

```
integrand_return_t sector_1_order_0_integrand(  
    const real_t * const integration_variables,  
    const real_t * const realp,  
    const complex_t * const complexp,  
    const real_t * const deformp,  
    secdecutil::ResultInfo * const result_info) {  
    real_t mz2 = realp[0], mw2 = realp[1];  
    real_t x0 = integration_variables[0];  
    [...]  
    integrand_return_t tmp[49];  
    tmp[1] = x2*x1;  
    tmp[2] = tmp[1] + x1;  
    tmp[3] = tmp[2]*mz2;  
    tmp[4] = mz2*x2;  
    [...]  
    return tmp[0];  
};  
[...]  
template<...> void compute(  
    const U index0,  
    const std::vector<U>& genvec,  
    const std::vector<D>& shift,  
    T* results,  
    const U r_size_over_m,  
    const U stride, const U latsize, const U nshifts,  
    I& func) {  
    for (U k = 0; k < nshifts; k++) {  
        for (U i = index0; i < latsize; i += stride) {  
            std::vector<D> x(func.dimension, 0);  
            for (U j = 0; j < func.dimension; j++) {  
                x[j] = modf(  
                    mul_mod(i, genvec[j], latsize)/latsize  
                    + shift[k*func.dimension+j]);  
            }  
            T point = func(x.data());  
            results[k*r_size_over_m] += point;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

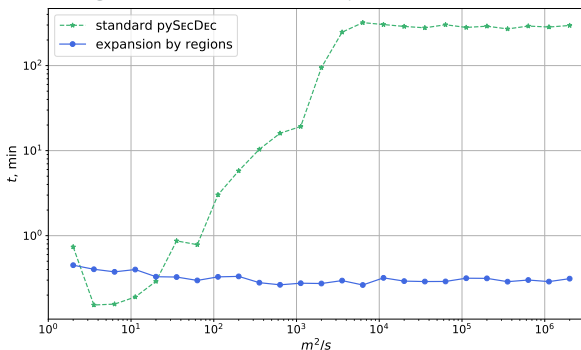
pySecDec *work in progress*:

```
int integral__sector_1_order_0(  
    result_t * restrict result,  
    uint64_t latsize,  
    uint64_t index1, uint64_t index2,  
    const uint64_t * restrict genvec,  
    const real_t * restrict shift,  
    const real_t * restrict realp,  
    const complex_t * restrict complexp,  
    const real_t * restrict deformp) {  
    const real_t mz2 = realp[0];  
    const real_t mw2 = realp[1];  
    [...]  
    resultvec_t sum = {0, 0, 0, 0};  
    int64_t latidx_x0 = mulmod(genvec[0], index, latsize);  
    [...]  
    for (uint64_t i = index1; i < index2; i += 4) {  
        int64_t li_x0_0 = latidx_x0;  
        latidx_x0 = modonce(latidx_x0 + genvec[0], latsize);  
        [...]  
        realvec_t x0 = {{ li_x0_0, li_x0_1, li_x0_2, li_x0_3 }};  
        x0 = modonce(x0*(1.0/latsize) + shift[0], 1);  
        [...]  
        realvec_t jac = korobov3_w(x0) * korobov3_w(x1) * [...];  
        [...]  
        x0 = korobov3_f(x0);  
        [...]  
        auto tmp1_1 = x1*mw2;  
        auto tmp1_2 = 2*tmp1_1;  
        auto tmp1_3 = tmp1_2 + mw2;  
        auto tmp1_4 = tmp1_3*x3;  
        auto tmp1_5 = tmp1_4 + mw2;  
        [...]  
        sum = sum + jac*(tmp3_356);  
    }  
    *result = componentsum(sum);  
    return 0;  
}
```

Asymptotic expansion: the motivation

$$I \equiv \int_{\text{triangle}} dx_1 \cdots dx_6 \frac{U^{3\varepsilon}(\vec{x})}{F^{2+2\varepsilon}(\vec{x}, s, m^2)} = ?$$


Problem: when $s/m^2 \ll 1$ numerical integration converges poorly.
E.g. the time to integrate I to 10^{-3} accuracy:⁶



* This is a general problem when scale ratios are not ≈ 1 .

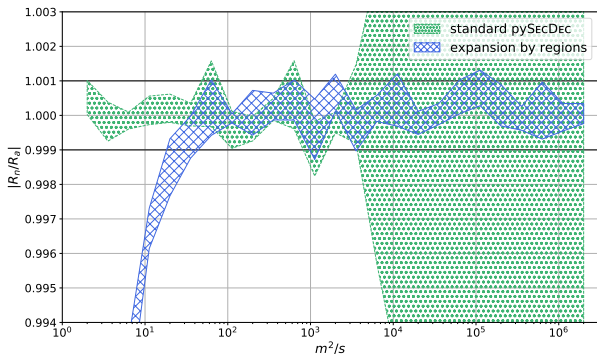
⁶pySecDEC v1.5, NVidia A100 GPU.

Asymptotic expansion

Solution: take out the extreme ratios (s/m^2) from the integrand via asymptotic expansion:

$$I = (\dots + \dots) \left(\frac{s}{m^2}\right)^{-1} + (\dots + \dots + \dots + \dots) \left(\frac{s}{m^2}\right)^0 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{s}{m^2}\right)$$

Compare the exact result and the asymptotic expansion:



When $\frac{s}{m^2} < 10^{-2}$ both match up to 0.1%.

Asymptotic expansion: the method

Method of *expansion by regions*:

[Beneke, Smirnov '98]

- * Split the integration space into *regions*, ordering the variables by the smallness parameter (s/m^2) in each.

- * E.g. $\{x_1, \dots, x_6\} \sim \left(\frac{s}{m^2}\right)^{\{-1,-1,-1,-1,-1,0\}}$, $\sim \left(\frac{s}{m^2}\right)^{\{0,0,-1,-1,-1,0\}}$, etc.

- * The required regions can be found geometrically. [Jantzen '11]

- * Taylor-expand the integrand in each region (in s/m^2).
- * Integrate and sum the regions.
 - * Can integrate over the whole integration space in each region.

Implementations:

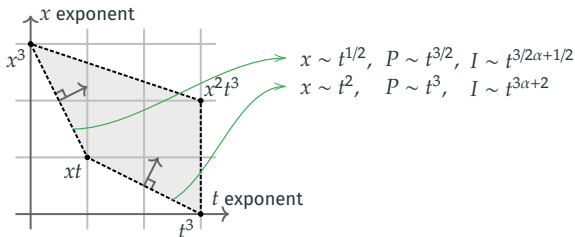
- * ASY2.M (part of FIESTA); [Jantzen, Smirnov, Smirnov '12]
- * pySECDEC v1.5 (via `pySecDec.loop_regions`). [Heinrich et al '21]

Asymptotic expansion: finding the regions

Consider an integral depending on *small parameter* t like

$$I = \int_0^1 P^\alpha(x) dx, \quad P = ax^3 + btx + ct^3 + dt^3x^2.$$

Plot the *Newton polytope* of P :



From the facets of the polytope we find *two regions*:

1. $x \sim t^{1/2}$, and P can be expanded as $(ax^3 + btx) \left(1 + \frac{ct^3 + dt^3x^2}{ax^3 + btx}\right)$;
2. $x \sim t^2$, and P can be expanded as $(btx + ct^3) \left(1 + \frac{ax^3 + dt^3x^2}{btx + ct^3}\right)$.

Note: only valid if $a, b, c > 0$.

Using pySECDEC with asymptotic expansion

Generate the integration library:

```
import pySecDec as psd
if __name__ == "__main__":
    # find the regions and expand the integral up to  $O(s)$ 
    terms = psd.loop_regions(
        name="triangle2L",
        loop_integral=
            psd.LoopIntegralFromPropagators(
                loop_momenta=["l1", "l2"],
                external_momenta=["p1", "p2"],
                propagators=[
                    "(l1 + p1)**2",
                    "(l1 - p2)**2",
                    "(l2 + p1)**2",
                    "(l2 - p2)**2",
                    "l2**2",
                    "(l1 - l2)**2 - msq"
                ],
                replacement_rules=[
                    ("p1*p1", 0),
                    ("p2*p2", 0),
                    ("p1*p2", "s/2")
                ],
                smallness_parameter="s",
                decomposition_method="geometric",
                expansion_by_regions_order=0)
    # generate the library
    psd.sum_package("triangle2L_by_regions",
        terms,
        regulators=["eps"],
        requested_orders=[0],
        real_parameters=["s", "msq"])
```

Compile an *run*: same as for a single integral.

⇒ Adaptive amplitude optimization is enabled automatically.

Summary

pySECDEC provides:

- * Numerical evaluation of *massive multi-loop integrals*.
 - * many masses of similar magnitude (m_t, m_H, m_Z, m_W) are no problem;
 - * higher loop count is no problem;
 - * 3-loop massive integrals at 6 digits in minutes.
- * Results when other methods fail.

The latest release (v1.5) includes:

[Heinrich '21]

- * Optimized evaluation of *amplitudes* (weighted sums of integrals).
 - * Proven in multiple 2-loop calculations.
 - * Automatically applicable to single integrals too.
- * *Asymptotic expansion* of integrals for e.g. high-energy regions.
- * Usability improvements.

Future releases will bring:

- * Even better performance.